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In re Application of: TULLEY et al.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN
A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION
IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED
NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES

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1. ☐ Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the pending U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. Applicants would be pleased to provide the Examiner with a copy of these applications upon request.
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 - b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.
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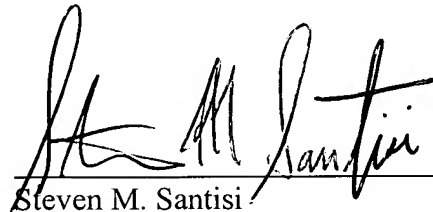
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Respectfully submitted,



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